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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 0476

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT HIJACKING - SITREP NUMBER TWELVE OF FEBRUARY 19

REF NICOSIA 0475

1. THIS IS SIT REP TWELVE AS OF 2235Z FEB 19. OUR PRESENT
READING BASED ON INCOMPLETE INFORMATION IS THAT EGYPTIANS
STAGED UNCOORDINATED "RESCUE" ATTEMPT AND IN PROCESS RAN AFOUL
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OF UNEXPECTED GREEK CYPRIOT RESISTANCE WITH SUBSTANTIAL
LOSS OF LIFE. GOC, BELIEVING IT HAD FIRM UNDERSTANDING WITH
EGYPT THAT NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS WERE
COMPLETE, IS NOW GOING PUBLIC WITH PROTEST AGAINST EGYPT.
GOC HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS EXPRESSED STRONG COMPLAINT,
WHICH IT HAS ALSO COMMUNICATED TO GOVERNMENT OF GREECE AND
UNSYG WALDHEIM, OVER "INTERVENTION" OF EGYPT "AT MOMENT WHEN

AGREEMENT ON RELEASE OF HOSTAGES HAD BEEN REACHED."

2. LATEST CASUALTY FIGURES AS RELEASED BY GOC ARE 5 EGYPTIANS
DEAD, INCLUDING THE VICE COMMANDER OF THE FORCE, 14 EGYPTIANS
WOUNDED, 7 CYPRIOTS WOUNDED AND ONE GERMAN JOURNALIST WOUNDED.
GOC IS ALSO ANNOUNCING THAT REMAINDER OF EGYPTIAN FORCE IS
CONTINUING TO SURRENDER AND THAT THE FORCE COMMANDER HAS
SURRENDERED.
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